

In this essay I am going to be arguing in favour of killing cane toads. I have been reading many articles which has told me that those things are a nuisance. I will also be arguing in defence of cane toads to make it a balanced argument for these creatures, however my main viewpoint is that these animals are pests and they should be killed.

From my studies into looking at cane toad news articles, it is clear that these ambitious amphibians are ruining the native species of Australia. For them to be stopped they have to be eliminated. Even though this might sound harsh and animals should be treated the same, it is vital that these deadly, devilish, devils, deserve to die.

Cane toads are "big, ugly creatures..." (Mercer, 2012) which are smothered with warts and poison glands. They were transported by humans into Australia in 1935 to keep cane beetles away and protect the sugar canes. Unfortunately, this idea didn't go as planned because the cane toad colony expanded rapidly.

Why are they a pest? Queensland politician Shane Kruth states that, "They're one of the most destructive creatures and the most disgusting creatures and one thing they're doing is they're killing our native wildlife and they're taking over our habitat." (BBC News, 2012) Furthermore they are very difficult to kill. In the same article

it explains that, "... there are no natural predators that can kill them off." (BBC News 2012)

On the other hand some articles are in favour of cane toads. One such article says "Are you going to take the golf clubs to cats, or slyng axes, or frogs? simply whacking it a few times with a golf club doesn't work. Nine times out of ten the cane toad will get up and hop away," explained Mr Beattie. (Squires, 2007)

What I am trying to prove is that cane toads are a menace killing native species and they should be killed, however cane toads should be killed in a more humane way which is not golf.

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